




**MEMORANDUM
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**

DATE: August 7, 2006

TO: George Burgess
County Manager

FROM: 
Carlos Alvarez, Mayor
Miami-Dade County

SUBJECT: Miami-Dade County CDBG Disaster Recovery Initiative

As a result of hurricanes Katrina and Wilma, Miami-Dade County has been made eligible for \$16.1 million of relief through the local Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Disaster Recovery Initiative and the Florida Department of Community Affairs (DCA). As you know, the DCA has stipulated that municipalities within Miami-Dade County must group their applications with ours and that, at least 70% of the funds be used to benefit Low to Middle Income projects. I am aware that staff is working to provide you a draft of the application; with the DCA's August 18 2006, deadline for submittal, it is key that we move quickly to secure these greatly needed funds.

It is extremely important that these resources be used efficiently and to the benefit of those for whom they are intended. To that end, I would like you to provide me with the details for the proposed use and distribution of these funds prior to your submittal to the DCA. Given continued storm activity and the local housing environment, every effort must be made to ensure these funds are used for the best interests of our residents.

c: Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez and Members,
Board of County Commissioners
Murray A. Greenberg, County Attorney
Kay Sullivan, Director, Clerk of the Board